

STORIES OF SPORTS
TOLD BY EXPERTSTHE "SHells" FROM
"TOM" SHARKEY ON
"GRID" HISTORYOnce Played the Kanakas but Couldn't
Get On to Their Signals, Uttered
in Own Language—Now Ad-
vocates Its Use.

"I SREN you at th' big game, said Tom Sharkey. "You was sittin' up in th' press box. I gave you th' high sign, but you hands out th' frosty eye!"

Where did you sit?" I asked.

"Forget it," replied Tom. "I didn't sit. My secretary forgot to order a box, an' when I got down there all I could grab was a bunch of standin' room in th' front row. I was in with th' common people. Down in th' paddock for mine, standin' on th' straw."

I seen more for a solitary buck than some of the swell guys seen from a parkay box seat they coughed up a quarter century for t' th' speculators. Where I was I had th' duck kick an' every time I tried to shift another guy landed on me right with both heels. He was hoppin' up and down like a vapp I see once in th' bug-house that thought he was a rooster; an' every time he hopped he let out a beller that'd make a steam siren die of grief. There was two or three other Willies behind me that tried to climb up and stand on th' back of my neck every time something busted loose.

"O NCE one of them guys with th' striped legs makes a run an' gets th' ball down within a yard of th' Yale goal line right in front of me. Tu' referee makes th' whole bunch move back. What's that for? I asks a Willie, who's been yellin' his nut off. "What's for holdin' in th' line," he says, sobbin'.

"I thought they could hit with one arm free," says I.

"Not under th' new rules," says he.

"Now, what do you think of that? When I played football we used to play in th' clinches and kick —

"Did you ever play football, Tom?"

"Did I?" exclaimed Sharkey. "Was the champion of th' Navy in my time. We started to play in th' Hawaiian Islands. There was a midshipman on th' Philadelphia that got up a team. I was in th' middle; what d' y' call it?"

"Centre rush."

"T HAT'S it. That's what I was. We trained on shore and played games against them big Kanakas. Geef! Them ta' boys could play football. They picked me out for the toughest game an' every time we started half a dozen of 'em piled on top of me. I had more fun than a fight. When we put our heads down together we butted. That was th' hardest. Them Kanakas has heads just like Walcott. Then we started upper-cutting and givin' 'em elbow. They was just as good as me at that. But when I kicked 'em on th' shins I won out. Only one kicked me one day an' laid me out for a week. I thought my big was broke in two."

"It wasn't a very scientific game," I remarked.

Tom looked indignant.

"Sob-sob! You bet it was scientific."

"What's that?"

"The signals," said Sharkey. "Them Kanakas didn't use no signals. When we wuz th' numbers we had to stop a second I think 'em out. But th' Kanakas didn't need none. They just talked to play over quick in Kanaka an' played 'em so fast they had us stung. They got onto our signals an' we couldn't get onto nothing. Say —

"What?"

"I was just thinkin'," said Sharkey.

"Why don't them Princeton guys get a Kanaka professor an' learn their language?"

YESTERDAY I suggested in this column the changing of football rules so that in case of a tie at the end of the second half the teams would go on playing until one or the other scored.

It may be of interest to note in this connection that the idea is not entirely original, as I thought it was. One of my athletic friends, a famous football and lacrosse player in England a few years ago, has offered the following comment:

"The idea of continuing play in a football game when there is no score at the end of the second half is an excellent one, as a tied game is never satisfactory to the partisans of either team. In England this has been customary for many years. The English rules of Rugby Association and Lacrosse provide that in case of a tie score at the end of the usual interval of play the referee may order continuation of the game, in which case two ten-minute intervals are played, the teams changing goals at the end of the first interval to give both a fair and equal chance. This usually results in a draw."

BIG CRESCENT CITY

DERBY ENTRIES.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 20.—Entries for the Crescent City Jockey Club's fifteen stakes to run at the Fair Grounds this winter are announced by Secretary Nathanson as reaching a total of 1,225, which breaks all records. The club has raised the value of the Crescent City Derby to \$10,000 and thereby procured eighty-seven entries for this race, including many young horses of high class from the East.

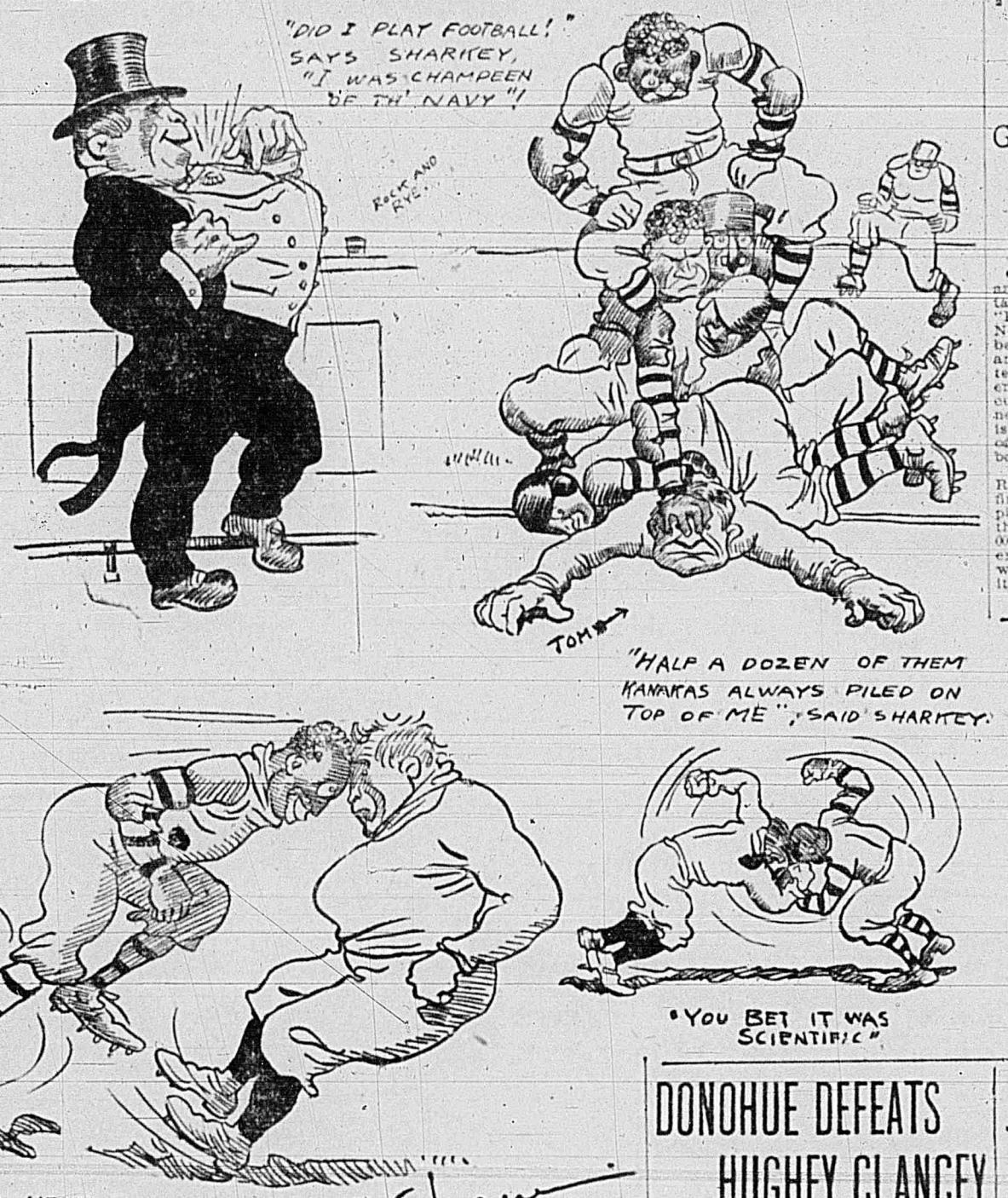
Placing at the Fair Grounds will begin next Saturday, Dec. 1, and the meet will last six furlongs and worth \$2,000 will be the feature. The horses have been entered for more than 1,000 horses.

I should like to express my thanks to the management for doing this.

I must acknowledge that in this instance it would be a good thing if the management had

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A BOMB has been exploded in the athletic clubs of New York and the Amateur Athletic Association applied this match. It came about through an amendment to the rules regulating the participation of undergraduate college men in the games between athletic clubs in the United States.

Hereafter the college boy must state at the time of his registration as an amateur athlete whether he intends to represent a club or his college. After he has so specified he must stick to his

"YOUNG CORBETT"
READY FOR FIGHT

"Harry Pollock, manager of the rejuvenated fighter, Young Corbett, is deplored the fact that he can find no good capable fighter to meet his man. Harry says that Corbett is tied up with a match all the fighters in the country, except, of course, the champions, shun challenges to him, but when Corbett is free to accept these challenges they are never forthcoming."

Pollock has declared Corbett's fight with Tom McNamee off because the Brooklynite's injured hand prevents him training for a battle with Corbett. And while waiting for something to turn up Pollock will be pleased to arrange a match with any of the pugilists who have recently turned professional.

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selection during his registration year. He cannot change. The college athletes cannot represent both his college and his club.

Athletes of these organizations have found it impossible to successfully compete with the college boys, who have nothing to do but run and jump under the eye of a professional trainer. Heretofore they have had little or no chance. Now, however, they hope to have a chance and while they regret to lose the amateur, they believe it will ultimately result in the good of amateur athletics.

"Mr. Bennett was referee. Donohue was given favorite in the betting odds, but the amateur, having dollars changed hands on the result.

RECORDS MAY FAIL IN SIX-DAY BICYCLE RACE.

The six day bicycle race at Madison Square Garden promises to play havoc with cycling records, as nearly every rider who has made a record in the past season will appear in either the big race or the short distance events which will be held in connection with the meet.

Along the record smashers who have already signed are Paul Guigard, Bobby Walthour, Ernest K. Prey, Louis Mettling, Charles L. Moore, and Gilbert of Yale, will also have to

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